

Community Support Appreciated

Over the last six weeks I have written thirty-two (32) thank you cards to people, organizations, and businesses that have delivered items to the officers and employees of the Tullahoma Police Department. The displays of support have included cases of water, soft drinks, chips, cookies and other baked goods, sandwich platters, chicken platters, officer "survival" bags, cakes, and other snacks. Many of these tokens have been accompanied by cards and letters expressing support for the men and women that serve our community, and many of the deliveries have been by young people wanting to say thank you. I can say without reservation that over the last several months I have had more people say "thank you for your service" than I have had in my thirty-four year law enforcement career. If I am told this on a daily basis, I am comfortable that the officers are hearing the same thing. The support and respect, along with a partnership between the police and the community, is necessary for the quality of life we expect and deserve. The Police Department will continue to build on the relationships within our communities; relationships with our churches, schools, businesses, non profits, and neighborhood organizations. The officers will continue to be reminded to serve the community with selfless service, treating all people equally - with dignity and respect. Service to our community is not just a "job", it is a calling and presents challenges each day. Our officers and staff will overcome the ups and downs, and continue to strive to be the best we can be. As I write this, more thank you cards need to be written, and more cards placed on the bulletin board. Tullahoma - on behalf of the officers and employees, thank you for your support; your confidence; and your respect.

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